

For the Farmer.



Home on the Farm.

The farm preserves the family in its integrity. The home has in that charming word, & that more charming thing, the fireside, around which children and parents gather, and where the bright and cheerful blaze upon the hearth is but a true type of flames of love that glow in every heart. The parents have been drawn together, not by the sordid motive of wealth, or by the ambitious desire of social display, but for the personal qualities seen in each other. The glory of that fireside to husband is that the wife is there; and to wife, that he is there who is head of the woman and the hand in that home circle. Here they gather at morning and evening, and at noon. This board is almost always surrounded by the same circle. Here they spend the long winter evenings together, enlivened with the school books of children, the newspapers, and journals and works of history, and science. A constant homecoming influence comes forth from this circle to the young hearts that are moulding there. Parental vigilance guards the young against wicked companions. If the religious influences are right in that home, they will grow up to be good citizens, to be pillars of society, wherever their lot be cast. The son follows the business of their father as soon as their labor are available. They are with them in the field, and by the way at home. They form industrious habits, and are prepared for the responsibilities of life.

Treatment of Cheese for Market.

When cheese is ready for market and about to be shipped, it is the practice with some dairymen to apply to each cheese a thin coating of varnish made from gum shellac.

The shellac is simply dissolved and applied with a brush—the coating gives the cheese a smooth, glossy appearance, and besides adding to its beauty, is said to keep the cheese from losing weight and gathering mould. When cheese well cured and shipped in the fall, are to remain in store for several weeks or months, the above treatment is particularly beneficial, as serving to keep them in better condition, with less loss, and at the same time adding so much to their appearance as to induce ready sales that when not so treated. We have never made trial of shellac for this purpose in our own dairy, but assured by some of our best dairymen that its application has been practiced with a decided advantage; and as gum shellac used in this way is perfectly harmless, we see no reason why it may not be employed for the purpose indicated, especially as decided advantages are claimed for its use.—[Dairy Farmer.]

GALLS ON HORSES.—As the heat and labor of the season increase, horses will suffer from various flesh wounds, which if not immediately cured, will cause great suffering to the horse, and waste of time and temper to the owner. Let, therefore, a hint or two from the American Agriculturist be now heeded:

"Preventative is better than cure. To be in perfect working order. See to it especially that the collar fits well, and is smooth. If the inner surface is rough, it must chafe, and soon wear off the skin. A loose layer of leather under the collar is a good contrivance to lessen friction upon the animal's neck and shoulders. While spring work is pressing let the horses' shoulders be washed every morning with a solution of alum and whiskey. At night when coming home from work sweaty and sore, let the shoulders be washed with tepid water, then rubbed dry. If then galls occur on the breast or back, wash them clean, then apply an ointment made by mixing together a spoonful of pulverized alum and the white of an egg.

If you have an evergreen, or Norway spruce, balsam fir, American spruce, or any of the pines, and desire to make it grow more compact, just pinch out the bud from every leading branch, all around and over it. Repeat this process again next year, at this time, and your evergreen will continue thereafter to grow thickly.—[Indiana Farmer.]

WHEAT COFFEE.—During the week we have been drinking coffee made of wheat and coffee combined—one quarter pound of coffee mixed with two quarts of wheat. The wheat is boiled about twenty minutes in water, and placed in a pan and browned as coffee. So far, we prefer it to the genuine article, and it certainly is more healthy. With a pound of coffee and eight quarts of wheat, costs from three to four cents a quart, this beverage is produced so cheap, that it makes up all difference in the advance in the price of both tea and coffee.—[Miner's Journal.]

SULPHUR FOR GRAPES MILDEW IN FRANCE.—"M. le docteur Guyot" has received from the Minister of Agriculture a commission to examine into the state of vineyards in France, and in consequence of his report, 500 francs have been given by the government to be expended in the purchase of sulphur, which is to be given to the vine-growers who cannot afford to procure it for themselves. This shows the importance attached to the use of sulphur in arresting mildew on grapevines.

The young lady who burst into tears has been put together again, and is now wearing hoops to prevent the recurrence of the accident.

One of the best preventives of the ravages of wheat destroying insects is early sowing.

Repentant Rebels.

The Paducah correspondent of the Chicago Journal writes that over 500 deserters from the rebel army lately at Corinth have arrived at Paducah during the past few weeks, reported themselves at the Provost Marshal's office and voluntarily taken the oath of allegiance. They came staggering in, worn, weary, and dejected, and declare themselves sick of Jeff. Davis' Confederacy. Many also reach Fort Henry, Columbus, Hickman, and other points. One of the number, named Winston, who kept himself concealed near Paducah, sent in a very penitent letter before he ventured to show himself. He said he had been ten months in the rebel army, having been deluded by the secessionists as to the character of the war and went to fight for "Southern rights." He was in the army long enough to destroy his constitution, and had reached home on farlough without money, clothes, or health, and was willing and anxious to get back under the old Stars and Stripes.

The Nashville Union says that Colonel Newman's infantry regiment, which was raised in the counties of Bedford and Marshall, Tennessee, left Beauregard's army en masse, some days ago, and are now on their way home. This regiment was composed of twelve months' men, who refused to fight any longer, and wrote on their hats, the motto "Home or Hell." The same paper states that Captain J. D. Wheeler, Lieutenant Wm. Patey, and Joseph Talley, private of Smith's battalion, and Captain Nathan Oakley, of Col. Hutton's infantry, Wilson county, having left the army at Corinth, came home and voluntarily took the oath of allegiance to the Government of the United States, and gave bonds for their good behavior in Nashville, on Thursday. Captain Robert Bass, and Lieutenant Sumner Hamilton, also of Smith's battalion, have likewise taken the oath and given bonds.

Mrs. Welch's dwelling in the east part of the town was burned last evening, by order of Col. Crook, because one of the wounded of the 36th O. V. was shot from it. The poor fellow was shot by Mrs. Welch's grand son-in-law. He had returned home a few days before the battle, and two eowards to meet his foes on the field, he murdered them when disabled. He saved his neck by "skedaddling." Enlightened usages of war require that all who fire on wounded men from houses, should be killed and their property committed to the flames.—[Lewisburg (Va.) Yankee.]

We beg the numerous subscribers of the "Greenbrier Weekly Era," lately defunct, not to come in and pay their subscriptions. Our Quartermasters would be unable to furnish sufficiently transportation to haul away the Confederate scrip which would thereby receive; besides, waste paper is not in demand in Ohio, and it would be a bad speculation even if transportation could be furnished. We might have continued the paper under its old name had we not been fearful of an inundation of shipplasters from such a source.

The name of "Yankee," may not strike our friends abroad, as a very appropriate, for there is not a single Yankee in the whole brigade. It would be impossible, however, to convince the citizens of this delightful valley, that we are not yankees, so we assume the name, and thus avoid controversy.—[Lewisburg (Va.) Yankee.]

The address of the Ladies' Repository says "the nation wants a man," and the Milford Journal asks if that lady has not "confounded her own personal wants with that of the nation?"

"Early to bed and early to rise,"—A maxim that best health as bad old Wiso.

Wants to Fight his Uncle.

The Louisville Journal says that the New Orleans Delta, some three weeks ago, stated that young English, the son of Gen. McClellan's sister, had gone up to Corinth to fight for the South, and that he seemed to desire nothing as much as to meet in hostile combat his distinguished kinsman. The nephew of his uncle found neither fight nor relative when he reached Corinth. If he wants to see his uncle George he must keep out of the company of skedaddling rebels, unless he does as the lady advised Tarleton to do when he expressed a wish to see Colonel Washington—look back over his shoulder in the next battle.

COFFEE.—From the Richmond Whig of the 22d we take the following:

TO THE WOMEN OF RICHMOND. The time has come when every woman should do her duty in this struggle for our country's independence. There are many things her hands can do which will materially aid our cause as if she were a soldier with musket in hand. The battle will be brought right to our doors. Let every woman, then, in this city, who possesses this ability, prepare coffee, bread, and whatever else she may have to give for our dear loved ones, who offer their precious bodies as a wall of defense for our homes.

A journal asks what is the difference between a good soldier and a fashionable young lady, and replies: One faces the powder, and the other powders the face.

It is very pleasant to ride in an omnibus, opposite a baby who is sucking sugar candy, and playfully wipes his dear little fingers on your best black trowsers.

That slant of success is simply doing what you can do well, and doing well whatever you do without a list of fame.

Humor is the art of saying happy things that have the effect of making others happy; whilst wit, and especially that grace of wit that takes the form of satire, is the art of saying smart things that are the cause of smarting in others.

BEAUREGARD'S "victory" at Pittsburg Landing is very much like that described by "John Phogah." He says: "I held the enemy down by my nose which I had inserted between his teeth for that purpose."

The water that has no taste is purest; the rain that has no odor is the freshest; and of all the modifications of manner the most generally pleasing is sympathy.

PRENTICE says the question with General Halleck now is, not whether he can whip Beauregard, but whether he can relate, in twelve lessons, taught a lawyer to read his own writing.

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